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Indianapolis woman charged with theft for altering insurance claims

Kristy Emery accused of profiting more than \$160,000 from altered health care claims

(Indianapolis, Ind.) Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry announced today that charges have been filed against Kristy Emery for allegedly altering claims from which she profited while working at Anthem, Inc. Emery is accused of altering 58 total claims for herself and her husband from September 2012 to April 2013 and taking approximately \$164,000 from the company. She has been charged with Theft (Class C Felony). The charges are a result of an internal investigation conducted by Anthem, Inc. and working closely with the Marion County Prosecutor's Office Grand Jury Division.

"The allegation is that Ms. Emery took advantage of her position at Anthem to benefit herself personally," Prosecutor Curry stated. "Regardless of the value of monetary loss, we encourage employers to report potential criminal activity to our office or law enforcement agencies."

According to the probable cause affidavit, Emery manually adjusted claims which resulted in an increased amount billed to Anthem. for each claim. The claims were submitted under Emery and under her husband's names. After the claims were adjusted, the Anthem claims processing system would issue checks payable to Emery for the increased amount. For example, one claim was allegedly adjusted from \$325 to \$4,365 for a visit to a clinic at which Anthem investigators determined Emery was never a patient. No other health plan members' information was compromised or used in claims adjusted by Emery.

An initial hearing has not been set at this time.

A charge of a crime is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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NOTE: The charging information and probable cause affidavit can be downloaded at <https://www.dropbox.com/s/vdp5wtux6l9issd/Kristy%20Emery.pdf?dl=0>